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- 5. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese Patent Publications have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-4.
- 6. U.S. Patent 5,495,127 corresponds to JP A 7-119594, which is cited in the specification. U.S. Patent 6,050,232 corresponds to JP A 11-159374, which is cited in the specification.

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